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To: 'DEC_WaterQualityStandard@list.state.ak.us'
Subject: [DEC_WaterQualityStandard] EPA publishes final Ambient Water Quality Criteria for the protection of Human Health

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published final updated ambient water quality criteria for the protection of human health. EPA updated its national recommended water quality criteria for human health for 94 chemical pollutants to reflect the latest scientific information and EPA policies, including updated body weight, drinking water consumption rate, fish consumption rate, bioaccumulation factors, health toxicity values, and relative source contributions. EPA accepted written scientific views from the public on the draft updated human health criteria from May to August 2014 and has published responses to those comments. EPA water quality criteria serve as recommendations to states and tribes authorized to establish water quality standards for surface waters under the Clean Water Act.

View the updated human health criteria table, science documents, Federal Register notice, and supporting materials at:
<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/criteria/health/>

Each of the 94 criteria documents can be accessed by clicking on the chemical names in this table.
<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/criteria/current/index.cfm#hhtable>

The Division of Water-Standards section is reviewing the recommended criteria as part of the Triennial Review process. For more information, please see the Water Quality Standards webpage at
<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wqsar/wqs/index.htm>

Thank you,

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